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WET WEATHER SLOWS FIELDWORK

Wet soil conditions brought on by recent rains across the central and southern areas of the state have slowed fieldwork progression, according to the Minnesota Agricultural Statistics Service. Snow flurries were reported in the northern portion of the state during the end of last week. Producers are anxiously awaiting the ground to dry out to finish small grain seeding and other seedbed preparations.

The average temperature for the week was 50.7 degrees, 4.8 degrees above normal. Statewide topsoil moisture supplies as of April 22th were rated 1% very short, 1% short, 75% adequate, and 23% surplus.

An estimated 14% of Spring Wheat acreage has been planted as of Sunday, compared with 41% for the same date in 2004 and 22% for the five year average.

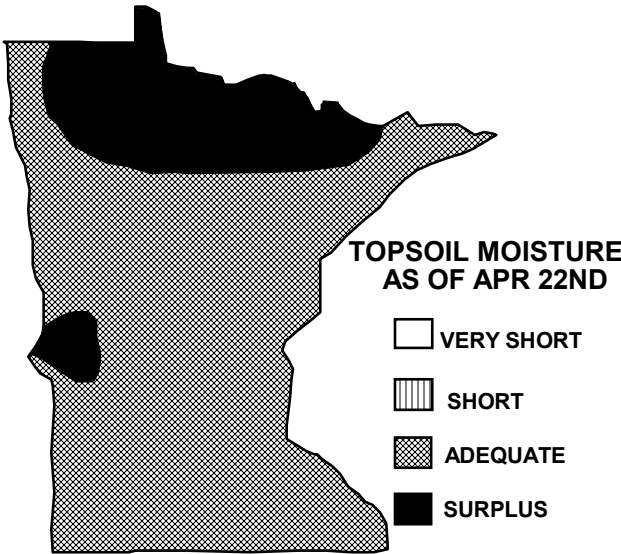
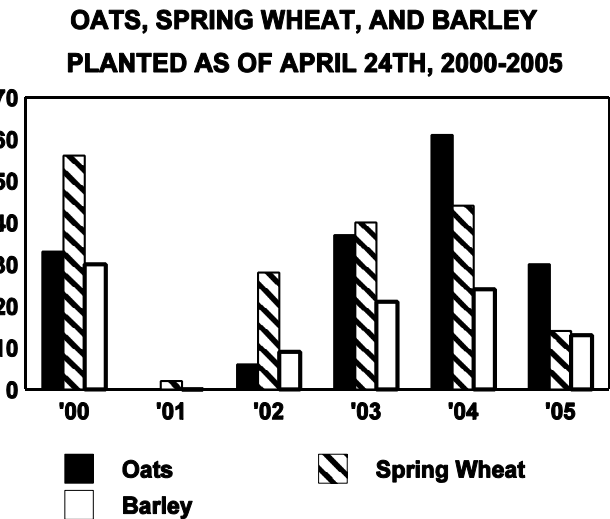
Oat planting is 30% complete compared with 59% a year ago and 35% for the 5-year average. Barley is 13% planted versus 22% last year and 15% for the 5-year average.

Corn is 4% planted, compared with 21% in 2004 and 13% for the five year average.

Sugarbeets are 24% planted compared with 27% for the 5-year average.

Days Suitable for Fieldwork: 2.7				
	Very Short	Short	Ade-quate	Sur-plus
Topsoil Moisture (%)	1	1	75	23

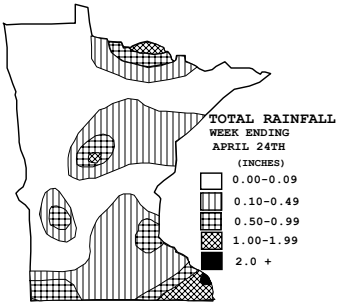
Crop Progress as of April 24, 2005					
Crop	Stage of Development	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Yr Avg
----- Percent -----					
Corn	Land Prepared	11	3	41	27
	Planted	4	NA	21	13
Soybeans	Land Prepared	3	1	12	8
Spring Wheat	Planted	14	5	41	22
	Emerged	5	NA	7	3
Oats	Planted	30	14	59	35
	Emerged	9	NA	13	7
Barley	Planted	13	4	22	15
	Emerged	4	NA	3	2
Sugarbeets	Planted	24	1	53	27
Green Peas	Planted	14	NA	28	18
Potatoes	Planted	22	NA	33	15



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PRECIPITATION AND TEMPERATURES FOR THE WEEK ENDING April 24, 2005:
Temperatures averaged from 2.2 degrees above normal in the North-east District to 6.4 degrees above normal in the South Central District. Extremes: 87° in Moorhead; 19° in Hibbing. Precipitation averaged from 0.39 inch below normal in the South Central District to 0.30 inch above normal in the Southeast District. Greatest weekly total was 2.12 inches.



Precipitation and Temperature Summary for 4/18/2005 through 4/24/2005

	Temperature				Precipitation			
	High	Low	Week Ave	Depart from Norm	Week Total	Depart Past Week	From Four Weeks	From Norm Since 4/1
<u>NW DIST 1</u>								
Crookston	86	25	51.0	6.2	0	-.34	-.70	-.58
Moorhead	87	23	50.8	4.3	0	-.34	-.35	-.19
Warroad	84	25	46.6	6.2	0	-.31	-.62	-.51
<u>NC DIST 2</u>								
Grand Rapids	83	23	48.7	4.9	.12	-.33	.03	-.71
Intl. Falls	84	21	45.1	2.9	1.65	1.30	1.08	.92
Itasca	82	21	47.2	6.5	0	-.42	-.22	-.04
<u>NE DIST 3</u>								
Duluth	76	26	44.6	3.0	.51	.01	-.75	-.67
Grand Marais	67	21	41.7	1.4	.06	-.26	-.73	-.67
Hibbing	81	19	44.4	2.3	0	-.38	-.67	-.78
<u>WC DIST 4</u>								
Alexandria	80	28	51.7	6.3	0	-.46	1.34	.99
Browns Valley	83	22	49.8	2.4	0	-.48	-.67	-.42
Canby	83	26	53.5	5.4	0	-.54	.86	.84
Fergus Falls	69	28	51.4	5.7	0	-.38	.32	.53
Montevideo	81	20	52.4	5.3	1.00	.45	2.16	1.99
Morris	81	27	51.5	4.5	.46	-.03	1.13	1.23
<u>CENT DIST 5</u>								
Becker	80	27	52.2	5.8	.31	-.30	.40	.12
Hutchinson	82	30	54.1	6.1	.35	-.18	1.34	1.22
Olivia	81	26	52.9	5.9	.04	-.53	1.39	1.43
St. Cloud	81	27	51.2	4.8	.08	-.44	.67	.33
Staples	80	25	50.6	5.8	1.15	.67	1.92	1.32
Willmar	80	31	52.8	5.7	0	-.52	1.42	1.17
<u>EC DIST 6</u>								
Aitkin	81	25	49.5	5.9	.10	-.40	.98	-.03
Forest Lake	82	21	51.2	4.1	.04	-.55	-.27	-1.02
MSP Airport	81	31	53.4	4.2	.21	-.34	.91	.28
St. Paul - UofM	80	30	54.4	4.0	.88	.26	1.39	.62
<u>SW DIST 7</u>								
Lamberton	80	27	53.6	6.0	.02	-.65	1.36	1.43
Pipestone	78	21	52.6	5.4	.04	-.55	.48	.30
Redwood Falls	82	27	53.0	3.4	.06	-.55	.44	.45
Worthington	78	27	52.4	6.3	.52	-.14	1.32	1.56
<u>SC DIST 8</u>								
Faribault	79	28	51.2	4.4	.33	-.36	1.02	-.02
Mankato	81	29	54.3	6.0	.47	-.27	1.55	1.67
Waseca	80	31	55.2	7.6	.33	-.45	1.43	.50
Winnebago	80	30	55.1	7.3	.25	-.49	.92	1.22
<u>SE DIST 9</u>								
Preston	79	30	52.8	5.4	1.25	.45	.10	-.16
Red Wing	80	32	53.1	4.7	.44	-.23	-1.00	-.90
Rochester	79	29	51.8	4.6	.46	-.28	-.77	-.79
Rosemount	79	28	52.8	3.6	.95	.26	.73	-.03
Winona	82	32	54.0	3.8	2.12	1.30	.41	.45

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